

## **Tonto Basin Community Meeting 8-7-2018**

Meeting Start: 5:00 PM

Meeting End: 6:40 PM

40 Residents attended

County: Supervisor Humphrey and Terry Links

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### **Gila County:**

- Supervisor Humphrey gave introductions.
- Supervisor gave update on one-dollar dump day. Globe – 177.43 tons with 400 vehicles, Payson – 128.6 tons with 248 vehicles.
- Supervisor discussed the Built Grant that Gila County has applied for to build the Tonto Creek bridge and the letter written by Paul Gosar in support of the project.
- Supervisor let residents know all fire restrictions have been lifted in the forest as well as the County.
- Supervisor introduced the APS representatives present for the meeting.  
Neil Traver – Manager Navajo/Gila County  
John Haro – Northeast Division Manager  
Anne Degraw – Communications Consultant  
Janet Dean – Community Affairs Manager  
Scott Jones – Supervisor Payson Construction  
Erik Ellis – Manager Energy Technology Assessment  
Mike Livingston – Security Coordinator

### **Open Discussion:**

- APS representatives discussed the reasons behind the recent power outages and what is being done to alleviate them.
- The main reason given for the increase in outages is weather. The average lightning strikes for this time of year is 100 to 250 per month. In 2018 the average strikes were recorded at 2500. The extreme increase in strikes has caused an increase in outages.
- APS let residents know that when power goes out, they attempt to recharge the line remotely four (4) times. If it fails, that is an indication that there is something on the line or that damage has occurred.
- APS handed out claim forms for damages incurred from power outages. However, APS is not held financially responsible if the power outage is an “act of God” such as a storm.
- Scott Jones will attend the September 4<sup>th</sup> meeting to further discuss issues with residents.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM**

